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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 22 are presently pending in the application. Claims 16-21 have been cancelled since they relate to non-elected subject matter. New claim 22 has been introduced. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10 and 14 are in independent form.

The specification has been amended to address a typographical error. Claim 15 has been amended to address the objection noted by the Examiner.

§102 rejections:

Claims 1-4, 7, 9-13 and 15 were rejected under §102(b) in view of Pulek. Independent, amended claim 1 recites the first and second materials and a second wall. The first wall creates the seal around the opening of the first tube, and the second wall is fluidly separated from the opening by the first wall and the filter medial. In the example embodiments, the second wall can be either the central or side walls. Pulek does not teach first and second walls on a first side constructed from a second material.

Claim 8 is additionally allowable because it recites a third tube, which is not shown in Pulek. The Pulek filter has a single inlet tube and a single outlet tube.

Amended claim 9 is additionally allowable since it recites a base of the diverter extending radially outwardly beyond the filter media.

Independent, amended claim 10 recites a second material that includes a first wall that provides an enclosed aperture. A second wall is arranged outside of the first wall and the enclosed aperture. The first and second walls are on the same sides of the aperture. Pulek fails to teach the second wall as claimed. Claim 22 now recites the adhesive previously set forth in claim 10.

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Amended claim 12 is additionally allowable because it recites a base and center tube both formed of the first material. The filter media is secured to the base. This arrangement is not shown in Pulek.

The rejection of claims 1-3 and 7-8 under §102(b) in view of Cuno has been rendered moot since claim 1 has been amended to require first and second materials in the arrangement recited.

§103 rejections:

Claims 5, 6 and 14 were rejected under §103 over Pulek in view of Cuno. Claims 5, 6 and 14 are recite other walls in addition to the first wall. Pulek is the base reference and teaches a single inlet and a single outlet. The Examiner must provide motivation to modify Pulek. The Examiner attempts to provide the claimed central wall and/or side wall by using Cuno. However, the central and side walls in Cuno are necessary because there are multiple inlets and outlets. The central and side walls of Cuno are only necessary to segregate the multiple inlets and outlets. Since Pulek only has a single inlet and outlet, there is no need for the Cuno central and side walls. The single, cylindrical seals at either end of the Pulek filter media are sufficient to fluidly separate the single inlet and single outlet thereby forcing the fluid through the filter media. As such, the central and side walls of Cuno provide no benefit to the Pulek arrangement. Accordingly, the rejections to claims 5, 6 and 14 are improper and must be withdrawn.

Claim 14 no longer recites the adhesive. Several other amendments were also made to claim 14 to improve readability.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Please charge the deposit account reference below in the amount of \$400.00 for the two independent claims in excess of

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